



Commonwealth of Virginia

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December 10, 2003

The Honorable Garland L. Bigley
Chief Judge
County of Powhatan General District Court
3880D Old Buckingham Road
Powhatan, VA 23139

The Honorable James E. Hume
Chief Judge
County of Powhatan Juvenile and
Domestic Relations District Court
27 E. Tabb Street
Petersburg, VA 23803

As part of our audit of the Virginia District Court System, we have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the County of Powhatan District Court for the period October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system; evaluate the Court's internal controls; and test its compliance with significant state laws, regulations, and policies. However, our audit was more limited than would be necessary to provide assurance on the internal controls or on overall compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

The results of our tests found the Court properly stated, in all material respects, the amounts recorded and reported in the financial management system; no material weaknesses in the internal controls; and no instances of noncompliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court during this engagement.

AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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cc: The Honorable Lucretia A. Carrico, Judge
The Honorable Valentine W. Southall, Jr., Judge
Gloria M. Blankenship, Clerk
Don Lucido, Director of Technical Assistance
Supreme Court of Virginia